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SUBJECT: W/W JANE BISSELL

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1. CONSOFF SPOKE TO JAN CHRISTER WIKSTEN ON TELEPHONE TODAY. WIKSTEN, WHO RETURNED TO SWEDEN ON DECEMBER 21 AFTER STOP-OFF IN AMSTERDAM, WAS COOPERATIVE AND CANDID IN HIS REPLIES.
  2. WIKSTEN SAID THAT HE ARRIVED IN BANOS FROM PUERTO MISAHUALII WHERE HE STAYED AT PENSION ANTONIA SANTANDER. HE MET JANE BISSELL FOR FIRST TIME IN PUERTO MISAHUALI A WEEK BEFORE SHE DISAPPEARED AND THAT HE ONLY PASSED A FEW WORDS WITH BISSELL AND CROUCH. WIKSTEN RETURNED TO BANOS WHERE HE HAD STAYED EARLIER BECAUSE HE HAD LEFT SOME CLOTHES AT THE PENSION. HE DID NOT KNOW THAT BISSELL WOULD BE IN BANOS. WIKSTEN SAID THAT CROUCH TOOK RIVER ROUTE BACK TO QUITO BUT THAT BISSELL WANTED TO WALK IN HILLS AROUND BANOS AND PLANNED TO WAIT IN BANOS FOR CROUCH TO RETURN AND THEN DEPART TOGETHER FOR GALLAPAGPS VIA QUAYAQUIL.
  3. ACCORDING TO WIKSTEN, BISSELL PLANNED WALK IN HILLS - WHITE CROSS TREK, THAT BISSELL WAS HIKER AND CAMPER, THAT SHE SEEMED HAPPY AND OUTGOING - NO QUESTIONS OF DRUGS - AND THAT HE DIDN'T THINK THAT SHE KNEW OR WAS MEETING ANYONE BESIDES CROUCH IN BANOS.
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- WIKSTEN ADDED THAT BISSELL WAS HANDSOME WOMAN BETWEEN 25 AND 45 YEARS OF AGE.
4. WIKSTEN UNSURE OF DATES THAT HE WAS IN BANOS BUT SAID THAT HE ONLY SPENT ONE NIGHT IN BANOS AND PRETTY SURE THAT HE WENT TO QUITO ON A MONDAY MORNING - THAT SHOULD BE OCTOBER 4. HE SAID

THAT HE AND BISSELL TALKED EVENING IN PENSION AND THAT THEY HAD BREAKFAST TOGETHER AT HOTEL AMERICANO. BISSELL THEN WENT BACK TO ROOM. WIKSTEN PAID BILL AND WENT BACK TO ROOM TO PICK UP HIS THING. BISSELL WAS STILL THERE GETTING READY TO GO ON WHITE CROSS TREK. THAT IS THE LAST HE SAW OF BISSELL. WIKSTEN ADDED THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE KEY AND THAT BISSELL HAD IT.

5. WHEN WIKSTEN GOT TO QUITO LATER SAME DAY HE WENT TO SWEDISH EMBASSY TO SEE IF MONEY HE WAS EXPECTING HAD ARRIVED. HE STAYED AT HOTEL GRAND CASSINO WHERE HE MET CROUCH WHO WAS LEAVING FOR BANOS HE SAID THAT HE HAD NO MESSAGE FROM BISSELL FOR CROUCH. HE SAW CROUCH AGAIN AT HOTEL GRAND CASSINO WHEN SHE GOT BACK TO QUITO FROM BANOS MUCH CONCERNED FOR BISSELL AND DESCRIBING HOW SHE HAD FOUND BISSELL'S HIKING BOOTS AND BACK-PACK IN PENSION.

6. WIKSTEN THEN SPENT SEVERAL DAYS AT ATACAMES BEACH SOUTH OF ESMERALDA BEFORE LEAVING ECUADOR FOR COLUMBIA ON OCTOBER 16

7. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE CAN BE OF FURTHER HELP OR IF YOU THINK PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH WIKSTEN WOULD BE HELPFUL?  
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